NFSM-Wheat: The interventions covered under **NFSM-Wheat** include demonstrations on improved package of practices; Seed replacement; seed minikits; micro-nutrients, gypsum; zero till seed drills; rotavators; multi-crop planters; seed drills; sprinkler sets; knap sack sprayers; pump sets, pilot project on community generators; farmers field schools, award for best performing districts; local initiatives; international exposures for technical knowledge enrichment and project management team.

NFSM-Pulses: The interventions covered under **NFSM-Pulses** include assistance in the form of production & purchase of breeder seeds; production of foundation & certified seeds; distribution of certified seeds; strengthening of seed certification agencies; INM; 1PM, sprinklers sets; zero till seed drills; multi-crop planters; seed drills; rotavators; sprinkler sets; knap sack sprayers; pump sets; farmers field schools; training for extension workers; award for best performing districts; local initiatives; strengthening of infrastructure of IIPR, Kanpur; pilot project on blue bull; demonstration of ICRISAT technologies and project management team.

The total outlay of National Food Security Mission for the Eleventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 4882.48 crores. During 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 1350.00 crores has been made as Budget Allocation.

Plans to boost farm production

717. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the Plans made for creating Food Safety Net and to boost Farm produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): The Government of India is already implementing various schemes for enhancing the production of foodgrains in the country such as Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA). Besides, to increase production of fruits & vegetables, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is also in operation in the country.

Production of Rice

718. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of rice in the country last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rice production in India is l/3rd of that of China and half compared to Vietnam; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is contemplating to increase the rice production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The total estimated production of rice in the country during 2007-08 stood at 96.69 million tones.

(b) and (c) No, Madam. In comparison to the production of 96.38 million tones of rice in India during 2007, as per the information received from Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), the production of rice in China and Vietnam during 2007 was estimated at 124.93 and 23.91 million tones respectively.

However, to increase the production of rice in the country several steps have been taken and programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) etc. are under implementation.

Production and procurement of wheat and rice

719. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production and procurement of wheat and rice during 2008-09, 2007-08 and 2006-07;

(b) the steps taken and incentives given by Government during these years to boost production and procurement; and

(c) the production targets fixed for these crops during those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The production and procurement of wheat and rice during the years 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09 are given in the table below:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Wheat		Rice	
	Production	Procurement	Production	Procurement
2006-07	75.81	9.23	93.35	25.08
2007-08	78.57	11.13	96.69	28.49
2008-09	77.63*	22.69	99.37*	31.36**
2009-10	–	25.16**	–	–

*3rd advance estimates

** as on 7.7.09

NOTE: The production relates to the agricultural year and procurement relates to the marketing year.

(b) In order to boost agricultural production, several steps have been taken and programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) etc. are under implementation.

To boost procurement of wheat and rice, the following steps have been taken:

- Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of paddy of common grade and wheat have been increased from Rs.580 and Rs.750 during 2006-07 to Rs.850 and Rs.1080 per quintal respectively during